



A NEW ORNAMENTAL TREE FOR THE TROPICS, THE FLOR DE MICO.

(*Phyllocarpus septentrionalis* Donn. Smith, S. P. I. No. 50666.)

Of the many beautiful flowering trees cultivated in the Tropics, none is more gorgeous, when in full bloom, than the royal poinciana. The "flor de mico," or monkey flower, of Guatemala, however, may be considered a worthy rival. At the flowering season it drops its leaves and the entire tree is covered with crimson-scarlet blossoms. So far as known, this tree has never before been introduced into cultivation; on Mr. Popenoe's last voyage to Guatemala he secured 15 pounds of seed, from which several thousand sturdy young plants have been grown for distribution in southern Florida and in our tropical dependencies. (Photographed by Wilson Popenoe, Barranquillo, Guatemala, January 29, 1920; P17717FS.)